

June 3, 2002

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications
and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-19

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find a redacted copy of the Direct Testimony of Karen L. Zink filed in support of the petition of The Berkshire Gas Company (the "Company") in the above-referenced proceeding. Ms. Zink's testimony includes a description of pricing and other competitively sensitive provisions of the Gas Portfolio Optimization Agreement and the Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement (the "Agreements"). Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the Company's Motion for Confidential Treatment dated April 5, 2002 and recognized in the Hearing Officer's ruling at the May 24, 2002 procedural conference, the Company respectfully requests that the redacted portions of Ms. Zink's direct testimony be accorded confidential or protected treatment.

Consistent with established practices, non-redacted copies of Ms. Zink's testimony are being delivered to the Hearing Officer and to the Attorney General and the Division of Energy Resources pursuant to executed confidentiality agreements.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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